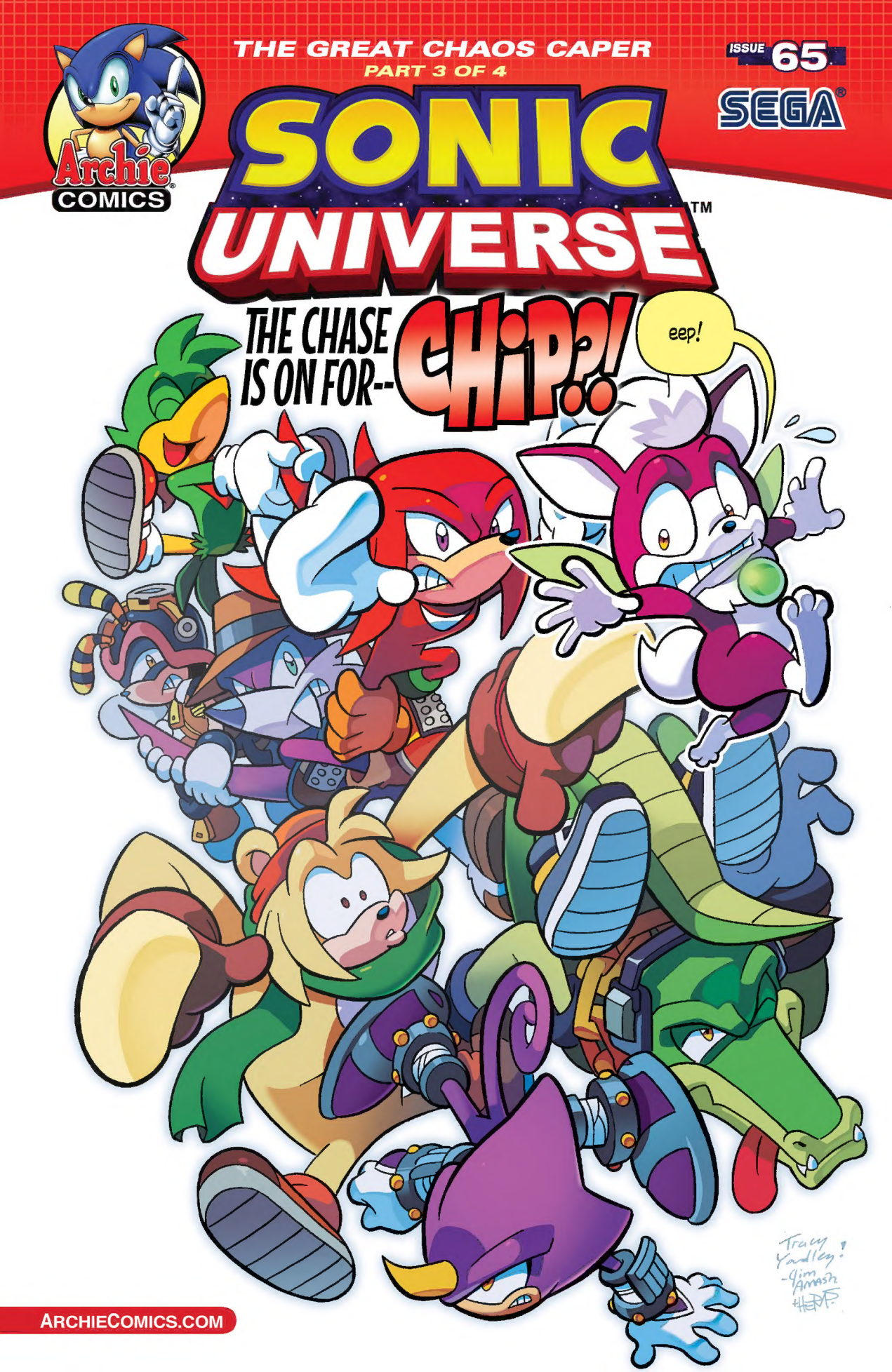
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AND LOOK! HE FOUND THE CHAOS EMERALD FOR US!
AHHHHHHHHHHHH!!
WAIT! I'M SUPPOSED TO TAKE YOU TO SEE--!
GET BACK HERE!
YOU'RE CARRYING THREE MONTHS OF RENT, YA FLYIN' RAT!
DON'T HURT HIM! HE'S TOO CUTE TO HURT!

THE PRINCESS* PROMISED US A FORTUNE FOR BRINGING BACK AN EMERALD! GIVE IT HERE, YOU--!
* PRINCESS SALLY ACORN, AS DETAILED IN SU#63 -- EDITOR
GRNK!
KEEP ON HIM!
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!
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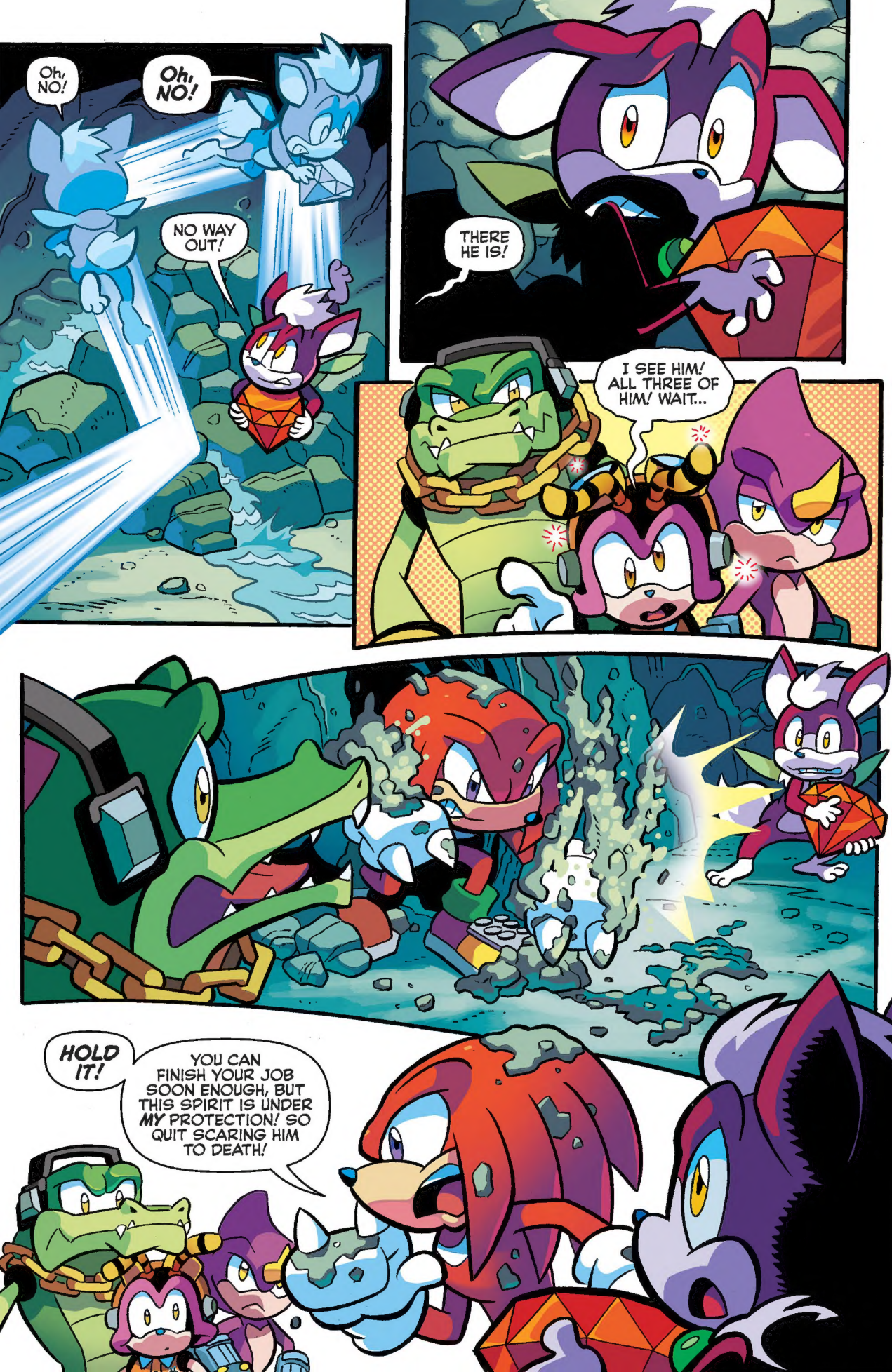
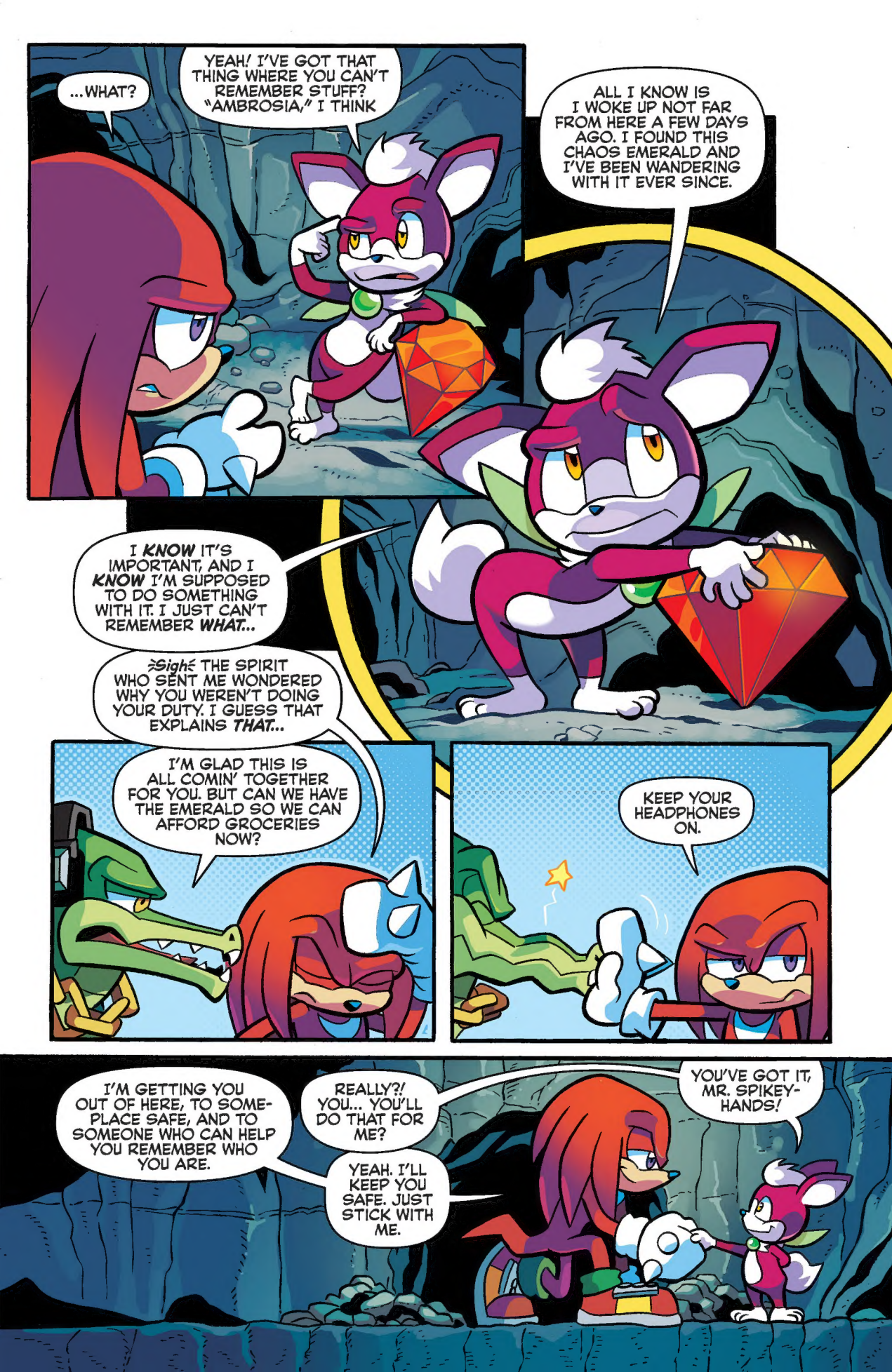
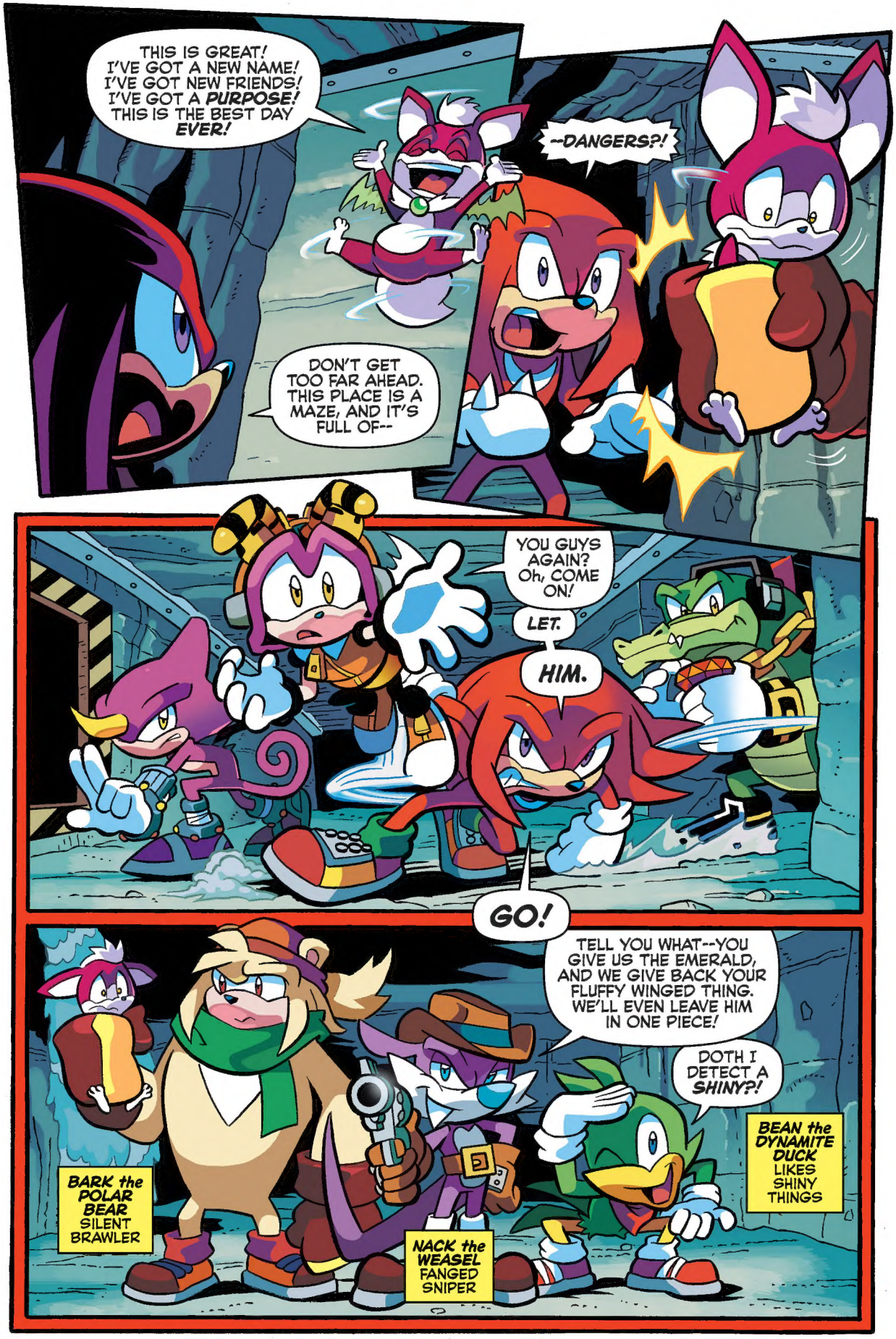
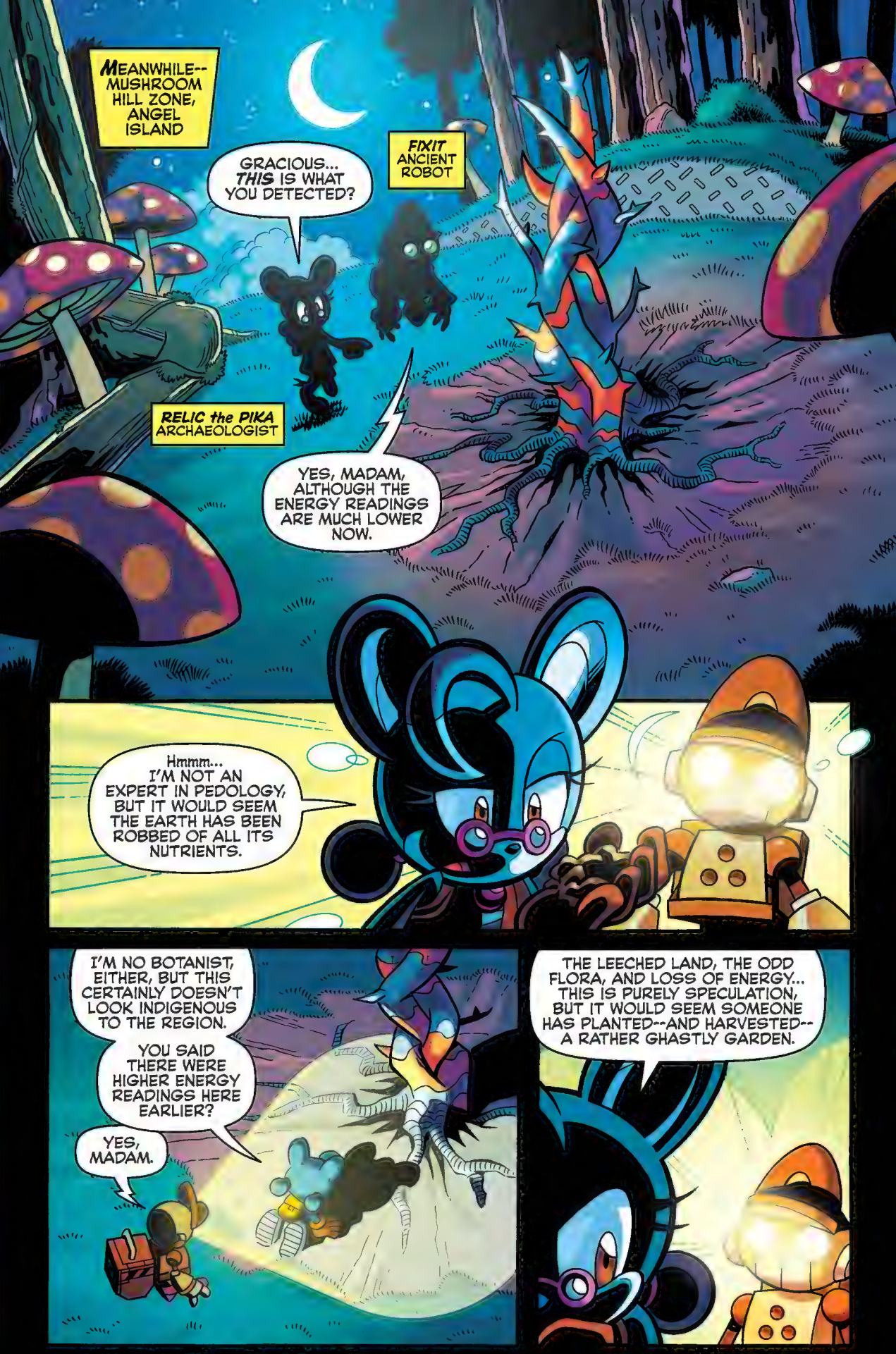

Oh, NO!
Oh, NO!
NO WAY OUT!
THERE HE IS!
I SEE HIM! ALL THREE OF HIM! WAIT...
HOLD IT!
YOU CAN FINISH YOUR JOB SOON ENOUGH, BUT THIS SPIRIT IS UNDER MY PROTECTION! SO QUIT SCARING HIM TO DEATH!

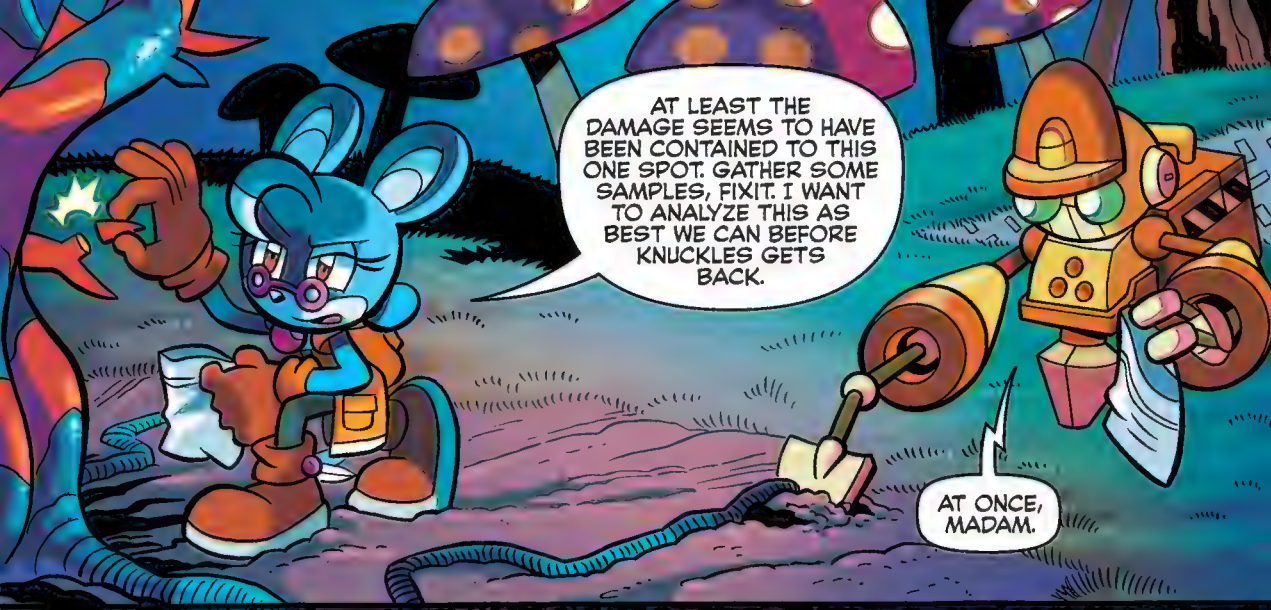
Y-YOU'RE HERE TO... PROTECT ME?
I WAS SENT TO FIND...YOU, I GUESS, AND HELP YOU ON YOUR MISSION.
SO...YOU'RE NOT HERE TO STEAL THE CHAOS EMERALD...?
NO. WE'VE BEEN HIRED TO COLLECT THE EMERALDS SO THEY CAN BE USED TO SAVE THE WORLD.
...SAVE THE WORLD...
SO THAT'S WHAT IT'S FOR!

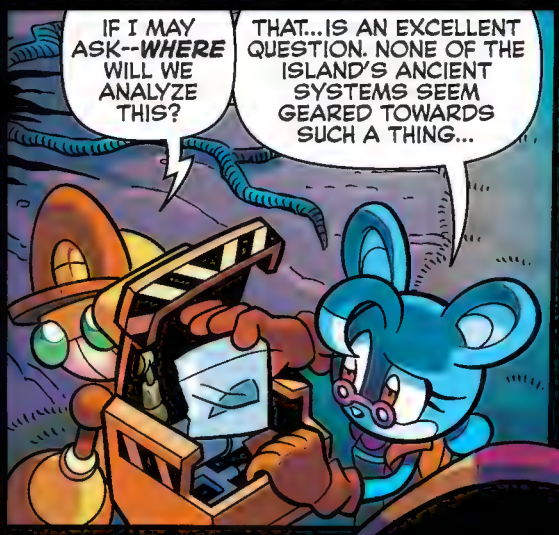

...WHAT?
YEAH! I'VE GOT THAT THING WHERE YOU CAN'T REMEMBER STUFF? "AMBROSIA," I THINK
ALL I KNOW IS I WOKE UP NOT FAR FROM HERE A FEW DAYS AGO. I FOUND THIS CHAOS EMERALD AND I'VE BEEN WANDERING WITH IT EVER SINCE.
I KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT, AND I KNOW I'M SUPPOSED TO DO SOMETHING WITH IT. I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT...
≈Sigh≈ THE SPIRIT WHO SENT ME WONDERED WHY YOU WEREN'T DOING YOUR DUTY. I GUESS THAT EXPLAINS THAT...
I'M GLAD THIS IS ALL COMIN' TOGETHER FOR YOU. BUT CAN WE HAVE THE EMERALD SO WE CAN AFFORD GROCERIES NOW?
KEEP YOUR HEADPHONES ON.
I'M GETTING YOU OUT OF HERE, TO SOME-PLACE SAFE, AND TO SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP YOU REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE.
REALLY?! YOU... YOU'LL DO THAT FOR ME?
YEAH. I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE. JUST STICK WITH ME.
YOU'VE GOT IT, MR. SPIKEY-HANDS!

YOU CAN CALL ME KNUCKLES.
UNLIKE SONIC, HE DON'T CHUCKLE!
STOP THAT. WHAT DO WE CALL YOU?
I...I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING! (AM I REALLY A SPIRIT, LIKE YOU SAID?)
YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING?
NOTHING...COMPLETE? JUST BITS AND PIECES. LIKE...A BUNCH OF CHOCOLATE CHIPS WITHOUT A COOKIE TO HOLD 'EM!
THAT'S IT!!
CHARMY, SO HELP ME, IF YOU MAKE ME FALL...
LET'S CALL HIM "CHIP"!
I LOVE IT! YOU MUST BE SOME KIND OF EXPERT!
Oh, BOY...
YAHOO! I AM CHIP! SPIRIT OF...WHATEVER-I'M-SUPPOSED-TO-DO!
CHIP YOU HEARD HIM


THIS IS GREAT! I'VE GOT A NEW NAME! I'VE GOT NEW FRIENDS! I'VE GOT A PURPOSE! THIS IS THE BEST DAY EVER!
--DANGERS?!
DON'T GET TOO FAR AHEAD. THIS PLACE IS A MAZE, AND IT'S FULL OF--
YOU GUYS AGAIN? Oh, COME ON!
LET.
HIM.
GO!
TELL YOU WHAT--YOU GIVE US THE EMERALD, AND WE GIVE BACK YOUR FLUFFY WINGED THING. WE'LL EVEN LEAVE HIM IN ONE PIECE!
DOTH I DETECT A SHINY?!
BARK the POLAR BEAR SILENT BRAWLER
NACK the WEASEL FANGED SNIPER
BEAN the DYNAMITE DUCK LIKES SHINY THINGS


MEANWHILE--MUSHROOM HILL ZONE, ANGEL ISLAND
GRACIOUS... THIS IS WHAT YOU DETECTED?
FIXIT ANCIENT ROBOT
RELIC the PIKA ARCHAEOLOGIST
YES, MADAM, ALTHOUGH THE ENERGY READINGS ARE MUCH LOWER NOW.
Hmmm... I'M NOT AN EXPERT IN PEDOLOGY, BUT IT WOULD SEEM THE EARTH HAS BEEN ROBBED OF ALL ITS NUTRIENTS.
I'M NO BOTANIST, EITHER, BUT THIS CERTAINLY DOESN'T LOOK INDIGENOUS TO THE REGION.
YOU SAID THERE WERE HIGHER ENERGY READINGS HERE EARLIER?
YES, MADAM.
THE LEECHED LAND, THE ODD FLORA, AND LOSS OF ENERGY... THIS IS PURELY SPECULATION, BUT IT WOULD SEEM SOMEONE HAS PLANTED--AND HARVESTED--A RATHER GHASTLY GARDEN.


AT LEAST THE DAMAGE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN CONTAINED TO THIS ONE SPOT. GATHER SOME SAMPLES, FIXIT. I WANT TO ANALYZE THIS AS BEST WE CAN BEFORE KNUCKLES GETS BACK.
AT ONCE, MADAM.


IF I MAY ASK--WHERE WILL WE ANALYZE THIS?
THAT...IS AN EXCELLENT QUESTION. NONE OF THE ISLAND'S ANCIENT SYSTEMS SEEM GEARED TOWARDS SUCH A THING...

PERHAPS THERE'S SOMETHING STILL FUNCTIONAL ON THE FLYING BATTERY? FOR ALL HIS FAULTS, DR. EGGMAN DOES BUILD VERSATILE AND RESILIENT MACHINERY.
WILL YOU BE ABLE TO OPERATE ITS SYSTEMS?

DON'T BE CHEEKY! I... I'LL JUST HAVE TO HOPE IT'S USER-FRIENDLY.
YES, MADAM. APOLOGIES, MADAM.

BACK IN THE AQUATIC MINE ZONE...
POP
YAY! I'M HELPING!
SURE ARE. LEAVE THE REAL FIGHTING TO ME, THOUGH!

WHA-HA-HA! DANCE, CROC-O-GATOR-- DANCE!
KA-BOOM
RRRUMBLE
SKOOSH
ACTUALLY-- NEW PLAN!
HEY!
CHIP, YOU GET OUT OF HERE! FLY STRAIGHT UP-- YOU'LL SEE AN ISLAND FLOATING ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE.
LOOK FOR A GIANT, GREEN EMERALD. YOU'LL FIND THE HELP YOU NEED THERE. AND IF YOU MEET A LADY NAMED "RELIC," DON'T BE SCARED. SHE'S A FRIEND.
B-B-BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?! YOU SAID YOU'D PROTECT ME!
I WILL-- WHILE YOU GET OUT OF HERE! GO! THE WORLD NEEDS YOU!
Y-YES SIR, MR. KNUCKLES!

NO! DON'T LEAVE ME, SHINY!
KNUX! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GIVE THAT TO THE PRINCESS!
KLUD
WHOP
WHOOSH

AW, WHY CAN'T WE EVER GET AN EASY GIG?
DARK GAIA TITAN (DOESN'T CARE WHO THE BIKE BELONGS TO)
ROOOARR!
THE MARVELOUS QUEEN NACK'S BELOVED BIKE
SMASH

Koff! ALRIGHT-- THAT'S IT! ON YOUR FEET, CHAOTIX! WE'VE HANDLED THINGS BIGGER THAN THIS!
DIDN'T MEAN WE WANTED TO...
CHIP--FIND A WAY OUT! CHAOTIX--
--BREAK ITS FACE!
HOLD ON, MORONS, NOT YOU! LET THEM HANDLE THAT GIANT WHATEVER-IT-IS...
...WE'VE STILL GOT A JOB TO DO!

YES! EGGMAN'S GONNA PAY ME A FORTUNE FOR THIS!
GYAH!
NGGH! GIVE IT UP, FLUFFY! I'M STEALING THIS FAIR AND SQUARE!
OW!
NO! IT'S MY DUTY! I THINK!
YI-YI-YI-YI-YI-YI!
URGH... MY...MY... DUTY...
FINE, WE'LL KIDNAP THE LITTLE RAT, TOO. MAYBE EGGMAN WILL PAY US A BONUS. BEAN! CLOSE EVERY WAY OUT BUT ONE.
YOU GOT IT, BOSS-MEISTER!

VROOOOM
NACK! GET YOUR COWARDLY TAIL OVER HERE AND-- HEY!
IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE AS ALWAYS, KNUCKLE-HEAD!

BOOM-BADA-BOOM-BADDA-BOOM
HAHAHA HAHAHA!
CLOSE THE WAY, BEAN!
IT'S COMING DOWN TO THE WIRE! TEN SECONDS ON THE CLOCK! ALL THE WAY FROM DOWNTOWN!
KA-BOOM
AND IT'S GOOD!

Y'KNOW, I LIKE MY MUSIC LOUD, BUT...
WHEN I GET OUT OF HERE, I'M GONNA--!
WHAM
WE'LL RESCUE CHIP AND RECOVER THE EMERALD-- LATER. RIGHT NOW, WE NEED TO DEFEAT THIS MONSTER!
RIGHT-- AND WE NEED TO DO IT FAST. EVEN IF THAT THING DOESN'T SMASH US--

CHIP AND THE CHAOS EMERALD IN THE HANDS OF The HOOLIGANS!

KNUCKLES AND THE CHAOTIX AT THE MERCY OF THE DARK GAIA MONSTERS!

The GREAT CHAOS CAPER COMES TO A CLOSE NEXT TIME!

UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, SONIC SUPER DIGEST and the GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I have a few questions to ask you so I hope you can answer them.

I shall dig deep into my mind to find the answers you seek!

First, are you guys going to do a Sonic Boom adaptation?

Well, it's [illegible] should mentio[illegible]ve to[illegible]om u[illegible]'t know when o[illegible]

TOP SECRET

Secondly, I've read online that the next story for Sonic Universe is going to be called "Total Eclipse". Is this true?

That's right! "Total Eclipse" continues right after the events of "The Great Chaos Caper" and "Shadow Fall" stories! It's coming up soon so be sure to catch up on both story arcs via the Sonic Comics App on your mobile device!

Finally, will Knuckles and the Chaotix ever come back?

Samuel A. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Samuel! Hmmm... do you mean "will they escape the Aquatic Mines"? You'll find out the answer next issue in the big finale to "The Great Chaos Caper"!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
I have a question about Relic.

Oh yes, our new, blue Pika friend!

Does she have a crush on Knuckles? Is she going to be his love interest?

Kate A. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the questions, Kate! Relic is certainly fond of Knuckles, but more so in that she respects him. Right now she has more of an interest in ancient tech than boys. But only Mr. Flynn knows where the future lies for Knuckles and Relic! Wait and see!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Heyo!!! It's me, Jamie, again! Anyway I'd like an order of the usual!

One of our regulars has stepped in! Hey, Vin -- fry Jamie up an order of the usual!

I was wondering if you could make another contest?

We will do another fan art contest soon! Hang tight!

My other question is... when's Eclipse going to appear again? He was awesome in "Shadow Fall"! I'd like to see what the Dark Arms designs are, too. Anyway that's all for this letter!

Sincerely, Razor the Shark's new Fan, Jamie W! Byeyay! (pronounced Bye-Yay) sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter, Jamie! Eclipse will be returning soon, and even more prominently in an upcoming story arc! The Dark Arms are connected to Eclipse in a very interesting way, so keep it right here in Sonic Universe to see how!

See y'all next month as Knuckles and the Chaotix fight for their lives out of the flooding mines in part 4 of THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER!

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